GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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UPGRADATION OF FLYING INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) The details of flying institutes functioning in the country;

(b) Whether most of the flying institutes in the country are based on old technology;

(c) If so, whether the Government proposes to upgrade these institutes with the modern technology; and

(d) If so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this direction ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) and (d):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the Lok Sabha Starred () Question No. 138 for 30.11.2006.

(a):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has approved 41 institutes for imparting flying training, out of which 20 institutes are actively engaged in training upto Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) level.

(b) and (c):- No, Sir. DGCA guidelines are being regularly updated for maintianing standards. Most of the flying clubs have aircraft given to them by Government of India through Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Aero Club of India (ACI) or procured themselves/through State Governments. Aero Club of India (ACI) and DGCA have been providing aircraft to the flying clubs operating, on no profit no loss basis, subject to availability.

(d):-In the Annual Plan 2006-07, Government has made a provision of Rs. 12.79 crores for releasing as Grants - in-Aid to ACI for procurement of aircraft to be alloted to identified needy flying clubs, approved by DGCA for conducting flying training for Commercial Pilot Licence. Government have decided to upgrade and modernise the training infrastructure at the premier flying training institute namely Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) to enhance its training capacity from 40 to 100 pilot cadets per annum. A world class flying training institute is planned as a Joint Venture under the aegis of Airports Authority of India, at Gondia, Maharashtra.